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I'd like to express my discontent with the United States v. Microsoft settlement.

I hardly need restate The Complaint that Microsoft has deliberately and unjustly controlled the market through extensive anticompetitive activities, deception, and threats. They have never dominated the market through the merits of their products - indeed the word "merit" can hardly be mentioned in the same sentence with "Microsoft product", unless coupled with the word "lacking". They are, in short, the bullies of the software world.

All the proposed settlement will do is validate Microsoft's business practices. Why should they change anything? They can afford powerful teams of lawyers to protect their interests by reducing our judicial system to a game of expensive legal busywork. They have gotten away with illegal activities for years, resulting in profits numbered in a mind-boggling array of zeroes, and the Final Judgment is, "don't do that anymore; at least not for the next five to seven years." A gentler slap on the wrist I've never seen.

Microsoft has made it abundantly clear that their only concern is for profit, and market domination. Period. They are the enemies of the American spirits of competitive innovation and fair play. They are not admonished by the Justice Department's censure, or anyone else's for that matter. They WILL NOT stop their illegal practices until forced to do so by specific legal orders. Without jail time or stiff fines, their practices remain profitable, and they will continue to adapt and innovate methods of monopolizing the market for their own gain.

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